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Manuel Ugarte Saldana, secretary general of the Peruvian Communist Party (PCP) who has been absent from Lima for about a month on a trip through south and central Peru, has sent word to the Party in Lima that he is very pleased with the situation of the Party in the southern departments of Arequipa, Cuzco, and Puno.

Julien Huanay, Communist labor editor of Jornado has returned to Lima from Cuzco where he attended the departmental labor congress and saw Ugarte. According to Huanay, Ugarte is now in Ayacucho where he will reorganize the departmental committee in that department. From Ayacucho he will travel to Huancayo to study the situation of the Party in the department of Junin. He will then return to Lima and report to the Party's secretariat on his findings.

Huanay states that Ugarte found the Communist Party's morale considerably improved in Cuzco, Puno, and Arequipa as a result of the successful labor congress held in Cuzco and the one being planned in Puno for June. Ugarte reports that many Party members who have long been inactive are now returning to work with enthusiasm.

In Puno Ugarte named Dr. Vicente Mendoza Diaz as departmental secretary and commissioned him to complete the reorganization of the departmental committee prior to the Puno labor congress.

Uarte was clearly pleased with the complete control the Communists have established over the Federacion de Trabajadores del Cuzco, (FTC). He expressed doubts however concerning one member of the FTC's new directive commission, Delia Flores. He was told in Cuzco that this woman "had joined the reactor" and he intends to turn her case over to the Party's control commission for consideration.

In the department of Junin, Ugarte will contact Sergio Galler, former Communist deputy who is now manager of a branch of the commercial firm Beola y Cia. in Huancayo.

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